



Canadian Red Cross Society



Louise Margaret.

*President of the Canadian Red Cross
Society.*

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Her Royal Highness's Message to the Canadian Red Cross Society

September 19th, 1916

I should like to send all members of the Canadian Red Cross Society a word of farewell before leaving Canada.

I am very pleased and proud to have been asked to retain the position of President of the Society. I look upon this as a great privilege.

I am delighted not to have to sever my connection with it, and it will be my very great interest, duty and pleasure to do my best when I return to England to help the Canadian Red Cross Society.

I take this opportunity to thank all workers of the Society for the admirable and self-sacrificing work which they are carrying on.

LOUISE MARGARET.

TORONTO, CANADA

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SELECTED LIST OF BOOKS ON RED CROSS AND SIMILAR WORK

"The Red Cross in War."

Has chapters on evolution of military nursing, Red Cross organization, St. John's Ambulance Corps, Nursing for the Navy, in the Wards, The Royal Red Cross, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing (Red Cross Nurses), Territorial Hospitals, etc. A Daily Telegraph War Book. Price, 25 cents.

"The Roll Call of Serving Women," by BILLINGTON, W. F.

The story of what women are doing in the war has several chapters dealing with Red Cross work. Published by Religious Tract Society. London. Price, 85 cents.

"The Errand of Mercy," by BIRD, M. MOSTYN.

A history of ambulance work upon the battlefield. Carried down from 500 B.C. to A.D. 1913. Nearly half the book tells of work prior to the Crimea, including that of St. John and other English nursing orders. 348 pp. Published by Hutchinson & Co. Price, 85 cents.

"Under the Red Cross Flag at Home and Abroad," by BOARDMAN, M. T.

(Miss Boardman is chairman of the National Relief Committee American Red Cross).

Gives an account of The American Red Cross since its formation. It has not very much about the present war. It has chapters on Red Cross work of other countries. Published by Lippincott. Price, \$1.50.

"Kent's Care for the Wounded," by CHESWICK, PAUL and others.

A story of the Red Cross work done in the County of Kent, England, shewing according to Sir Gilbert Parker, who writes the introduction, "British Initiative and Improvization, British Energy and Character at Its Best." Published by Hodder & Stoughton. Price, 60 cents.

"Six Weeks at the Front," by MILLICENT, DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND.

The story of six weeks' work of an independent hospital in Belgium at the beginning of the war. Published by the London Times. Price, 25 cents.

"A Surgeon in Belgium," by SOUTTAR, H. S.

(Late Surgeon-in-Chief, Belgian Field Hospital).

Sketch of three months' work in Belgium at the beginning of the war. The Times says: "It mirrors the intelligence, ability, and sympathy which made the 'English Hospital' a name of good comfort to wounded Belgians." Published by Edward Arnold. London. Price, 2s.

"A Surgeon in Khaki," by DR. A. A. MARTIN.

Published by E. Arnold. A most vivid story of work in a field ambulance.

"The Way of the Red Cross," by VIVIAN E. C. and WILLIAMS, T. H.

THE WAY OF THE RED CROSS—With a Preface by Queen Alexandra

Sketches of Red Cross work at Home and Abroad. Gives a short sketch of Red Cross Organization, but is chiefly simple stories collected in different hospitals. Published by Hodder & Stoughton. Price, \$1.00.

"With the Royal Army Medical Corps at the Front," by VIVIAN, E. C.

Has chapters on "The Corps—its formation and duties, its history, service hospital, in the firing line." A Daily Telegraph War Book. Price, 25 cents.

"Chivalry and the Wounded": The Story of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Bulletins of the Canadian Red Cross Society, St. John Ambulance Association, Military Hospitals Commission.
War Work.
Charter of the Society.

"The Tale of a Field Hospital," by TREVES, SIR FREDERICK.

"A Nurse's Life in War and Peace," by LAURENCE.

"In Japanese Hospitals During War Time," by RICHARDSON.

} SOUTH AFRICAN AND
RUSSIAN-JAPANESE
WARS

Magazine Articles:

"THE WORK OF THE RED CROSS," by Ryerson, G. Sterling, M.D. McLean's Mag. Vol. 28. P. 941.

"RED CROSS AT WORK," by Lane. Review of Reviews. 1915.

"CARING FOR THE WOUNDED IN WAR. Review of Reviews. Jan., 1915.

"RED CROSS SOCIETY, TORONTO." In Canadian Monthly. Vol. 16. 1914.

Sketch of the Red Cross with special Reference to the Crimea and Geneva Convention of 1906. Edinburgh Review 220. P. 333. October, 1914.

"WOMAN'S WORK IN THE WAR"—In the Great War. Part 71. (Vol. v. Chap. xc. Page 177. Dec., 1915.

Splendid account of the Red Cross activities in the Manchester Guardian History of the War. Vol. 111. Chap. 28. P. 297. Jan. 5, 1916.

"THE MARVELLOUS WORK OF THE RED CROSS." The Great War. Pts. 53 and 54. Aug. 21, 1915.

"THE WORK OF THE RED CROSS." War of Nations. Vol. 7. Part 76. Feb. 5, 1916.

"RED CROSS IN WAR." Times History of the War. June 1, 1915.

Diary kept by a Red Cross probationer in The Autumn of 1914. Spectator. Vol. 113. P. 554.

Sketches in War Time by a Woman Red Cross Surgeon. Ramsbotham, E. J. Living Age, July 11, and August 29, 1914.

"The Red Cross in War" or "The Errand of Mercy," with "The Way of the Red Cross," with "The Bulletins," make a very good working combination for any one wishing to speak on Red Cross work.

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

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No. 19

BULLETIN

OCTOBER, 1916

NOTES

VALE ATQUE AVE !

It is a tradition that the ships carrying the out-going and incoming Governors of Canada shall cross in mid-ocean and salute one another in passing ! So this number of the BULLETIN salutes in farewell the Royal President of the Society, who will retain not only her official connection with the Society, but also, as we feel assured, her deep personal interest in its welfare, on the other side of the Atlantic. At the same time, we welcome the arrival of tried friends of Red Cross work in the persons of their Excellencies, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Devonshire House during the war has been a headquarters of British Red Cross work ; Lady Maud Cavendish is working as a nurse under the Red Cross, and the Duke and Duchess have been recently created respectively, Knight and Lady of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem, in recognition of their services to Red Cross work.

It is a curious coincidence that the most recently equipped Canadian Red Cross Hospital—that at Buxton—was formally inaugurated by the Duchess of Devonshire—the hospital being close to the Duke's country seat at Chatsworth.

VOTE OF THANKS

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee it was moved by Sir John Gibson, seconded by Mr. W. R. Miller.

And Resolved, "That the Executive Committee desires to record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Society by Lt.-Col. Noel G. L. Marshall, Chairman of the Committee, during his tour in Europe for the purpose of inspecting the work of the Society, more especially as it was undertaken by the Chairman at his own expense and without calling in any way upon the Society's funds.

And, further, the Committee desires to record its appreciation of the arduous duties performed by Colonel G. A. Sweny as Acting-Chairman of Executive during the absence of Colonel Marshall."

The resolution was carried with applause.

A MESSAGE TO THE WOMEN OF CANADA

The Executive Committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society having taken in review the amount of stores now in hand in England, France and Canada, and the great demands on the Society for its own undertakings, and for the assistance of our Allies, assures the women of Canada that, although the latest information from France and England states that further supplies of roller bandages and surgical dressings are not needed at present, yet, the demand for socks, shirts, pyjamas, dressing gowns, hospital suits, etc., is urgent and practically unlimited, and the Executive Committee calls upon all Red Cross Branches and Auxiliary Societies to continue or increase their efforts for the Society's work.

Further information as to the Society's needs, and directions for making garments required may be obtained from all Red Cross Branches, or from the Dominion Headquarters, 77 King Street East, Toronto.

"RED CROSS NEEDS No. 1"

In order to give up-to-date information, we are issuing a new little leaflet which will, to some extent, take the place of "War Work." We intend "Red Cross Needs" for the information of our workers who do not need instruction as to making the garments required but only direction as to what is wanted from month to month.

"War Work" will be kept up to date, but only issued on request.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Our readers will be delighted to hear that our two valued Assistant-Commissioners have received well-deserved promotion and are now Major Blaylock, and Honorary Major Bryan. Our architect to whom the Society owes much for his plans for Canadian Hospitals has also received promotion and is now Captain and Quartermaster Skipper.

A LADY OF GRACE

We congratulate the Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Red Cross on the recognition of the services of their President, Mrs. William Dennis, of Halifax, by her decoration as a Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Long before the war, Mrs. Dennis was well known for her support of all efforts for relief and reform, and as President of the Local Council of Women in Halifax, had demonstrated her talent for organization and leadership. During the war, the Red Cross has been fortunate enough to profit by her experience and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Archibald, who is associated with Mrs. Dennis, both in Red Cross and Council work, was created a Lady of Grace earlier in the year. Mrs. Archibald's work in the Red Cross has been chiefly directed towards the working up of the Prisoners of War Fund, in which she has been extremely successful.

IMPERIAL CONVALESCENT HOME

A Convalescent Home with some unique characteristics has been established in Halifax in a house lent for the purpose by Mr. W. B. Clayton.

The Home was established in the first instance to take care of some Jamaican troops who suffered from the severe cold of a Canadian winter and the concurrence of the Imperial authorities was therefore necessary to the scheme. The Jamaican Government is paying its running expenses, it is staffed through the Canadian Hospitals Commission. The Red Cross Society is responsible for the housekeeping and hospital supplies and comforts ; the I.O.D.E. and Local Council of Women are furnishing and equipping the house, and the splendid division of St. John's Ambulance Brigade is standing ready to contribute nursing volunteers when they are required.

The patients are to receive manual training along the lines of tailoring and shoemaking.

This interesting co-operative experiment will be watched with great interest.

"PART OF THE STORY "

In the JUNE BULLETIN we published in our NOTES, under the above heading, part of a letter from a Canadian girl nursing in a hospital in France, in which she spoke of the needs of the hospital and appealed to Canada for help. We added that our Commissioner had been asked to see that some C.R.C.S. stores reached this needy unit, and the following letter shows the happy result. It also incidentally illustrates the excellence of the Society's system of placing a large reserve of supplies in England and France ready to be drawn upon as occasion offers, rather than receiving stores earmarked for special hospitals and leaving others to wait for their needs to be met from Canada after a long delay.

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Hopital Temporaire.

Haute Marne, France, July 28th, 1916.

TO CAPTAIN BLAYLOCK.

DEAR SIR,—We have just received the most magnificently generous gift from the Canadian Red Cross Society in response to the request made for this hospital by Miss F., who is one of our nurses.

I cannot tell you how exceedingly grateful we are : the things are all so good and so useful ; I do not think we have ever had a more acceptable gift and of late we have had many consignments from all sorts of depots, for, being in the thick of the Verdun work, this hospital has been fortunate enough to excite interest and sympathy in all directions.

Even though the Germans have been obliged to relax their efforts against Verdun lately, we continue to get a stream of wounded and took in yesterday evening 12 very bad cases—the 3rd convoy of 12 we had had this week. Our 181 beds are kept full practically all the time and the only difference it makes to us when the casualty list at Verdun is diminished, is that we are able to keep our cases rather longer instead of evacuating them just as soon as they are fit to travel, and when we could still do a great deal for them—a thing I always regret very much.

So please be assured that your Society's generous gift will be put to very practical use and immediately and be so good as to convey to your Committee my most grateful thanks.

Yours sincerely,

DIRECTRICE.

IT STOOD THE TEST !

Our Information Bureau in London received one day a letter from a Canadian soldier who described himself as twenty-three years old, and quite friendless. Would one of the Red Cross ladies write to him ?

One of the staff, who was an excellent correspondent, undertook the duty and wrote at once to the "lonely" one.

The reply was somewhat startling. The "lonely" one explained that his former letter "contained quite a few untruths," but was written because a comrade had said that all the Red Cross letters and parcels went to officers and that the letter of a mere private would never be answered ! Determined to dispose of the slander in a practical manner, our friend accepted the "dare" (as the children say) and wrote to the Society with eminently satisfactory results. We do not undertake to pronounce upon the ethics of our friend's methods of defence, but we are glad we have so whole-hearted a champion and still more glad that the Society stood the test !

WHAT A MATRON SAID

A Canadian lady, working at a canteen in France, was visiting an evacuation hospital and remarked on some Canadian Red Cross supplies which she saw there. The matron in reply said that the supplies sent were of the greatest value and most acceptable, not only because of their good quality, but because they were just what was needed, "not like the gifts of some other societies which are sometimes injudicious."

NO SAUCE REQUIRED !

Lady Drummond tells a delightful story in connection with the "welcome" cards sent to each wounded Canadian on his arrival at hospital. These cards ask the recipient to state their needs in order that the Society may, if possible, satisfy them.

Lady Drummond writes :

When the Parcels Department sent a message at the head of its "welcome card" to the wounded, it chose its words with some discretion and made no promise to gratify every wish—but said "This card takes you our kindest wishes and will bring back any request or message you care to send."—As a rule the "demands" are made with measure, but a card received to-day shows a large receptiveness on the part of the writer. "I would be much obliged if you would send me some cigarettes, tobacco and fruit, matches, pipe, some potted meat, writing paper and envelopes, a pen, pastries and some card games and reading books, Canada badges, a bottle of H.P. sauce, shaving kit, knife, Canadian newspapers and insect powder." There is certainly nothing small about this—needless to say a selection was made, which omitted the "sauce" as unnecessary.

THEY DROWN THE CONVERSATION

A visitor called at the Headquarters of the Red Cross not long ago to make enquiries as to what work would be required during the winter. She was told that the most desirable articles were socks, shirts, dressing gowns, pyjamas and such articles, together with

comfort bags and housewives. She asked whether her workers could not make surgical supplies and was told that they were not required, as the supply was, for the present time, sufficient. "But my workers do not like to make shirts and pyjamas," she said: "You see the sewing machines drown the conversation."

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Previous to the business of the Meeting Miss Annie Bowlby, a nurse, who went with the First Contingent of Nurses sent by the Canadian Red Cross Society was received by the Committee, and congratulated upon her good work.

The following resolution of condolence on the motion of Colonel Sweny, seconded by Sir John Gibson, was ordered to be placed on the Minutes :

"The members of the Executive Committee desire to record their deep sympathy with their Honorary Recording-Secretary, B. S. MacInnes, Esq., on his recent bereavement, and to assure him of their deep appreciation of his services to the Society."

The following cables were read :

LONDON, August 31, 1916.

"MARSHALL, Toronto.

During August have received 6,284 cases, and sent out 8,545 cases, including 5,000 to French authorities and 1,000 Russian Red Cross.
HODGETTS."

LONDON, Sept. 9, 1916.

"MARSHALL, Toronto.

Have arranged deliver next week twelve hundred cases supplies to Italian Red Cross.
BRYAN."

TORONTO, August 21, 1916.

"SOCARECROS, Westrand, London.

How many wheel chairs will you require for St. Laurence and what would they cost each ? Have prospects of a donation for all.
MARSHALL."

TORONTO, August 30, 1916.

"MARSHALL, Toronto.

Require thirty wheel chairs of various kinds. Estimated cost two hundred pounds. Could attach plate with donor's name."
HODGETTS."

TORONTO, Sept. 1, 1916.

"SOCARECROS, Westrand, London.

Order thirty wheel chairs required. Amount subscribed. Donors name later.
MARSHALL."

The matter of supplying Prisoners of War with parcels contributed by the Society was discussed, and it was decided that all prisoners should receive from the Society a weekly parcel, whether they contributed part of their pay or not. In the case of those men

who have already contributed a portion of their pay towards the receipt of a weekly instead of a fortnightly parcel, the Committee decided that those men who were still anxious to relieve the funds of the Society in this manner should be permitted to do so out of their reserve pay, and that instructions to this effect be forwarded to Mrs. Rivers-Bulkeley to guide her in the future.

REPORTS :

Extracts from the following reports and exhibits were read, namely, reports 89, 90, 91 and 92.

LETTERS :

Letter from Colonel Hodgetts dated, August 24th, 1916, *re* grant of two thousand pounds (£2000) and cables referred to therein were read, and the grant was approved.

Letter from Colonel Hodgetts dated August 21st, 1916, *re* grant Belgian Red Cross. The sum of one hundred pounds (£100) per month for three months was granted.

Letter from Colonel Hodgetts regarding Russian Red Cross grant. The sum of six hundred pounds (£600) was voted.

Letter from Colonel Hodgetts dated August 14th, 1916, asking for grant for Shorncliffe Depot for the purpose of erecting the necessary buildings was approved and confirmed.

Correspondence dated August 5th, 1916, from Honorary-Secretary Charles Williams, Victoria City and District Branch, and Chairman's answer to same were read and approved.

RED CROSS FRUIT KITCHEN.

One afternoon, late in September, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, together with the Corresponding Secretary and the Superintendents of the Packing and Supply Departments, took a trip to Hamilton to inspect the Canadian Red Cross Fruit Kitchen which has been in operation during the fruit preserving season.

Last year, the work was carried out under the direction of Dr. Storms, Mr. MacBeth and Mrs. Gaull, as a local enterprise, in small and somewhat inconvenient quarters. Raised now to the status of a department of Red Cross Headquarters, but under the same direction, the operations are carried on on the top floor of a large and conveniently situated building.

Donations of fruit of all kinds are invited, and the result is, of course, a collection of fruit of varying grades which is liable to appear at any time, subject only to the donor's convenience.

By the exercise of considerable ingenuity, all grades are utilized. Sound fruit is "canned," and poorer specimens are boiled down into jelly, often two kinds being combined to produce new and delicious flavours.

Peaches were engaging the attention of the workers on the afternoon of the official inspection, though baskets of pears, plums and grapes were also in evidence. As the recipe for preparing fruit has been given in full in a previous BULLETIN, we need not repeat it here. Suffice it to say that it flatly contradicts all the usual ideas about the preservative qualities of sugar and the necessity of keeping canned fruit in the dark without moving it, to avoid fermentation.

Ranged on the floor, one could see the peaches in baskets just as they had come in from the farm. Next, an Englishman who had "never done a day's manual work" before he engaged in Red Cross work, plunges the peaches successively into vats of boiling and ice-cold water to "blanch" them, holding them together in a large wire basket. Then they are prepared by ladies who peel and cut them. Now they are ready for one of the great copper preserving kettles, heated by steam and swung on pivots, which boil in five minutes. A young man in spotless white who cannot serve at the front and is "doing his bit" at a low wage in the Fruit Kitchen presides over the two big kettles. In a miraculously short time the fruit is cooked and ready to be ladled into the heavy glass quart jars with the cross moulded into the glass, manufactured especially for this purpose.

These jars, placed in wire baskets, such as milkmen use, but of a somewhat heavier quality, are first washed and then sterilized by steam in other wooden vats.

Into these sterile jars the fruit is ladled, or the jelly is poured and left till ready to be sealed down. The fruit is then placed in the full light on shelves in the centre of the floor for two or three weeks in order to give it a chance to "go wrong" before it starts on its ocean voyage, if it is to "go wrong" at all. If it stands the test, it is packed into substantial wooden boxes, hooped with iron and divided into eighteen sections by partitions of Bristol board. These partitions are cut into shape and "slotted" by a saw driven by electricity, in the Fruit Kitchen, the machinery and the motor being donations.

The jars are tightly wedged in with excelsior, and stand on and are covered by thick layers of the same material, all of which is given by a generous firm. The cover is nailed down and the address of the Canadian Red Cross Warehouse in London, England, is stencilled upon it, while the red cross, emblazoned on the sides proclaims that the contents are for "the relief of the sick and wounded in battle."

We wish that all our readers could see the clean, airy building, the scientific procedure, and the economic system of the Red Cross Department. There are two paid workers only in the Fruit Kitchen.

Still more do we wish that they could themselves "sample" the transparent jellies or the perfect fruits which are to carry a taste of Canada into the hospitals overseas. We heartily congratulate both the directors of the Department, the donors of the fruit and supplies, and also the women of Hamilton who are giving their services in the Red Cross Fruit Kitchen.

SUPPLIES AND STORES

We are publishing this month a copy of the warehouse report of our London Office for August.

It shows 6,284 cases received from Canada and 8,621 distributed.

1,233 of these went to Captain (now Major) Blaylock to meet the indents of our own Canadian A.M.C. Hospitals in France or those of other units in France.

The 5,004 which went to the "Commission Nationale" are handed over to the French Government, transported by them from London and distributed to French hospitals at their discretion. The other items need no explanation.

We call attention to the large number of Hospitals which received supplies during August and there are many others which were relieved through Mr. Harcourt Vernon's depot at Shorncliffe, the names of which are not given, but there are some seventy hospitals in that district.

It will also be of interest to note that our supplies are also being drawn upon to provide for the needs of our prisoners of war and of our Canadian wounded in non-Canadian hospitals who are reached through Lady Drummond in the Parcels' Department. And last, but not least, we are all glad to think we sent at least a few cases to the men of the navy !

WAREHOUSE REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1916 CASES RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH

43 Tooley Street.....	963
71 Tooley Street.....	1414
174 Bermondsey Street.....	1267
48-50 Bermondsey Street.....	2502
Brixton.....	138
Total.....	6284

SUPPLIES SENT OUT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1916

	No. OF CASES
Captain Blaylock, Boulogne.....	1233
Commission Nationale de Ravitaillement, India House, Kingsway.....	5004
French War Emergency Fund.....	29
French Relief Committee.....	4
Russian Red Cross, India House, Kingsway.....	1000
Wounded Allies.....	10

HOSPITALS

Duchess of Connaught.....	405
Granville Special.....	25
Peak Hydro, Buxton.....	89
King's Canadian, Bushey.....	120
Ontario, Orpington.....	26
Hyde Park Place.....	34
Luton House, Selling.....	11
Moore Barracks.....	26
Military Bagthorpe, Nottingham.....	2
Bearwood, Wokingham.....	35
Pinewood, Wokingham.....	6
Woodcote Park, Epsom.....	41
Westcliffe Eye and Ear.....	12
Queen's Canadian.....	6
Shorncliffe Military.....	15
Bramshott Military.....	25
Glack, Deal.....	4

The Beach, Walmer.....	8
Bromley.....	4
Central Military.....	32
Norfolk War.....	2
Monks Horton.....	25
Wear Bay, Folkestone.....	10
Netley.....	1
Eastern Hospital, Cambridge.....	7
Hillingdon House, Uxbridge.....	16
Hill House, Minster.....	8
Clarence House, Roehampton.....	31
Prior Park, Bath.....	1
Fulham, Military.....	10
The Hermitage.....	2
Mr. H. E. Harcourt Vernon's Depot.....	82
Canadian War Contingent Association.....	25
Maple Leaf Club.....	2
Specially Addressed.....	15
Prisoners of War Department.....	16
Parcels Department.....	45
Lady Drummond.....	50
Admiralty.....	22
Sundry Smaller Hospitals.....	41
Director of Organization, C.E.F., Folkestone.....	4
Total.....	8621

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY—BOULOGNE

STORES ISSUED JULY 1ST TO 31ST, 1916.

CASES, BALES AND CASKS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH, 1886

PRINCIPAL ITEMS ISSUED:

62	Beds	340	Mufflers
156	Blankets	1	Piano
44½	Bandages—cases of	78	Plates—Enamel
268	Bandages—single	10872	Peaches tinned—lbs.
1728¾	Biscuits—lbs. of	4799	Pyjamas
42	Books	815	Pipes
4	Baths	1526	Pillows
106	Bowls and Basins	140	Razors
113	Chairs	285	Rubber Sheetting—yds.
170	Combs	1	Sewing Machine
106900	Cigarettes	112	Spoons
809	Chocolate—lbs.	5008	Sheets
508	Chewing Gum—boxes	4585	Shirts
152	Cards Playing—packs	1280	Socks, Bed—pairs of
123	Dressings ster.—cases	7844	Socks, Day—pairs of
100	Dressings unster.—cs.	180	Stools
641	Gowns Dressing	252	Soup—2-lb. tins
1412	Helmets Woollen	236	Soup—10½-oz. tins
1000	Handkerchiefs—single	876	Stationery Packets
6	Handkerchiefs—cases	1867	Soap Tablets
50	Hot Water Bottles	12	Tables
1072	Jackets—Bed	39	Tables, Bedside
3512	Jam—lbs. of	8799	Towels—Hand, bath, ward
91	Jugs	2414	Tobacco—packets of
148	Knives	925	Tooth-brushes
60	Lemco—lbs.	429	Tooth—powder tins
311	Mugs—Enamel	8246	Utensil Bags
1 Billiard Table and Accessories			

Total of Stores Issued in Packets, Tins, Cases, casks,

Jars and Lbs..... 12777¼

Miscellaneous : Single Articles..... 234134

24691¼

Equalling the contents of 2,295 cases, bales and casks.

STOREKEEPER'S REPORT

Total number of packages shipped up to August 1st.	80,443
Total number from Aug. 1st to Sept. 1st :	
Ex. Toronto Warehouse, including cases which were repacked.....	1,670
Ex. Toronto warehouse—cases which did not require repacking :	
Toronto Branch.....	100
Victoria Branch.....	99
Vancouver Branch.....	118
Rossland Branch.....	9
Port Arthur Branch.....	6
Saskatoon Branch.....	5
Trail Women's Aux.....	10
Oshawa Branch.....	6
	353
Ex. Montreal warehouse—cases which did not require repacking :	
Montreal Branch.....	08
Calgary.....	242
Edmonton.....	154
Ottawa.....	206
Regina.....	104
Hamilton.....	96
Cobalt.....	90
St. John.....	77
London.....	62
Quebec.....	9
Rothsay.....	5
Almonte.....	2
Miscellaneous.....	5
	1,560
	84,026

We are glad to be able to make special mention of the Oshawa Branch. Under the direction of Mrs. Cowan this Branch has steadily progressed and continues to send in cases packed ready for shipment. During the month of June they sent in five cases, in July five cases and in August six cases.

A noticeable feature of this month has been that, although owing probably to the holiday season there has been a considerable falling off in nearly all supplies—socks have still maintained their average. During the first three weeks of this month we received 11,425 pairs and have a total for the month of 14,087 pairs.

Shirts.....	1,672
Pyjamas.....	1,495
Towels.....	2,476
Sheets.....	844

We would once more call the attention of all contributors to our *Packing Regulations*. We feel sure that if it was only realized what

an enormous amount both of time and labour is saved, both here and overseas, by a close adherence to our Rules there would be no departure from them. Therefore once more :

Tie up in half dozens.

List of goods with *name and address of sender* to be enclosed in each package.

Address all packages to Red Cross Society and describe as Red Cross supplies.

Parcels for individuals must not be enclosed in Red Cross packages, but must be sent through the mail to the individual direct.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

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SHIPMENTS TO FRANCE

The Commissioner reports that our monthly shipments of 5,000 cases of Hospital Supplies to the French Government continue to be made. These shipments are over and above shipments to our Paris depot to be indented for by our own Canadian Hospitals and others.

C.R.C.S. HOSPITALS

The Duchess of Connaught Hospital at Cliveden, The King's Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Bushey and the Canadian Red Cross Special Hospital at Buxton continue to do good work.

Cliveden averages some 850 patients ; Bushey 250 ; and Buxton 215. Each of these Hospitals has beautiful grounds which are well kept, those at Bushey being especially attractive.

Major McNutt has taken over the command of the I.O.D.E. Hospital for Officers, relieving Captain Creighton who has left for France.

MR. HARCOURT VERNON ON LEAVE

Mr. Harcourt Vernon has been granted a month's leave on account of indisposition. The work at Shorncliffe has been carried on by Mrs. Vernon in his absence.

OPENING OF BUXTON SPECIAL HOSPITAL

The formal opening of the Buxton Special Hospital took place on August 17th when Her Grace The Duchess of Devonshire performed the inaugural ceremony. Among the audience was Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia. The Hospital is situated close to the Duke of Devonshire's estate at Chatsworth. This ambitious unit now publishes its own "organ," *The Canadian Red Cross Special*, with illustrations. The O.C. is Major F. Guesl.

PROMOTIONS

Three of the Society's officers have been granted promotion. Captain Blaylock becomes Major Blaylock ; Honorary Captain Bryan becomes Honorary Major, and the Architect, Mr. C. F. Skipper, of Cambridge, to whose skill the Society is greatly indebted, has been granted rank of Quartermaster and Honorary Captain in the C.A.M.C.

VISITORS

Dr. J. W. Robertson, President of the Ottawa Board of the C.R.C.S., has visited the offices and warehouses of the Society in London. At his request, the Commissioner has assisted Miss Lewis and Mrs. Pinkey, of Ottawa, in purchasing equipment for their Convalescent Hospital.

CANADIAN RED CROSS REST HOMES FOR NURSE

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The two Homes appear to be greatly appreciated by our Canadian Nurses. There has been as many as twenty in residence at one time in the Cliftonville Home (Margate). Among the names of the nurses using the Chelsea Home, we are glad to note three of the nurses we sent overseas—Misses Weatherup, Hadley and Smith.

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY INFORMATION BUREAU (LONDON OFFICE)

DEPARTMENTS

1. Inquiry. Correspondence. Visiting.
2. Prisoners of War.
3. Parcels.
4. Newspapers.
5. Drives for Wounded Men.
6. Entertainments for Wounded Men.

1. INQUIRY, CORRESPONDENCE, VISITING

The following extracts will illustrate the kind of work done by this Department:

Every day a number of officers drop into our Inquiry Department, some of them seeking information about wounded friends, others asking if we can arrange to send them to country homes. Our many kind hostesses have a delightful way of considering that it is they who are under an obligation. One of them has just written, "all you have sent us are *so nice* and so well mannered that it is a pleasure to have them as companions."

A letter came from a Canadian officer the other day asking for a visitor that very afternoon. He was in the Duke of Norfolk's Hospital. One of us went and came back to say that the officer was expecting his fiancée to arrive in a few days; that he and she knew no one in England; could we arrange for her to stay somewhere for one night and they would be married in the morning. Our visitor, who was a Canadian lady, asked if the girl would come to her as a guest at her hotel, which she did for the one night. All went happily. The Duke of Norfolk gave the wedding breakfast and our visitor found herself there as a guest.

About three weeks ago a message came from one of the large London hospitals, "Can you find someone who will come every day for a little and try to teach a Canadian officer how to speak and to spell again?" The lady who has since gone daily has just handed in her report. "It was during the first week in August that I was introduced to Capt. — by Dr. F. in these words, 'Here is someone

to be a mother to you.' A piece of shrapnel had pierced the jugular artery just below the left ear at the base of the brain leaving a tiny splinter which was barring the blood from the left side of the brain causing a paralysis of the right side and depriving him completely at least for the time, of the power of articulation. At that date, the only word he could say unprompted was 'No,' and that with great difficulty. For the first week I only practised him in the simplest words of one syllable and in repeating the alphabet. He began to show decided dissatisfaction and it took me two days to understand that he 'wanted work,' meaning the putting together of sentences. It was a wonderful morning when, with a little prompting, he could say, 'I can ring my bell for my nurse.' After that I bought a delightful First Reader; many words now he can pronounce without help, but in each sentence there will be at least one or two sounds which he can only make after repeated effort. The nurse and doctor both say that it is in the making of that effort that the power of speech will come back to him. As his right arm is utterly paralyzed he is learning to write with his left hand, so every morning after his reading lesson, he has an exercise in writing and enjoys the writing out of part of his little reading lesson. His understanding is only slightly and one may hope, temporarily impaired.'

2. PRISONERS OF WAR DEPARTMENT

In the August BULLETIN we gave Mrs. Bulkeley's very interesting description of the work which fluctuates less than any of the other departments, progressing steadily week by week as the parcels go out each week to our 2,500 Canadian prisoners.

We must remember, however, that each time the Canadians are in action, the number of the prisoners is likely to be increased, and as the Canadian Red Cross Society has now undertaken to see that each man shall get a weekly (not fortnightly as at first) parcel of food, costing \$1.25, besides clothes as required, it is easy to see that this liability is a heavy one. Happily it is one which appeals immediately to every well-fed Canadian! It should also be remembered that although there are special funds for the relief of prisoners such as that raised by H.R.H. The Duchess of Connaught and by the adoption of prisoners, either by individuals, societies or regiments, yet the final responsibility rests upon the general funds of the Society and is one of its heaviest liabilities. The policy of the Executive is that every man shall get his parcel regularly so far as the Society can ensure it, whether he is "adopted" or whether there are specially subscribed funds or not. This involves a liability of some \$10,000 to \$12,000 each month for food, irrespective of clothing, which as far as possible, is drawn from the stores of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Letters from Canadian Prisoners of War, now interned in Switzerland, are of the greatest value, because they do not run the risk of being tampered with by the German jailors. Here is a particularly interesting one. It must be remembered that the assignment of pay by prisoners to purchase a part of their own food supply was suggested by themselves; and is entirely voluntary. The men who for any cause do not assign their pay receive from the Society

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SWITZERLAND, 18/8/16.

GENERAL SECRETARY, CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY,

London, England.

DEAR SIR,—This afternoon I was walking along the main road. It was raining and, frankly, I was “in the dumps.” The weather was rotten and I had no envelopes and no money to buy any. A fellow walked up to me and said : “Excuse me, but are you —— of the —— Canadians.” I replied : “That’s me,” quite regardless of grammar. “Well, there’s money for you at the Post Office.” I was first joyful and then skeptical. “Too quick,” I think, “some mistake somewhere. Better brace yourself for a disappointment.” Anyway, I followed up the scent and after inquiring learned that the Canadian Red Cross Society had sent me fr. 11.72 (about \$2.50) via Constanx and Berne. Very quick work since I have been in the country only five days. This comes as a climax to many deeds of kindness done by our Red Cross to myself, for one, as a prisoner. I will not try to thank the Society. I will simply say that its kindness to myself has made of me a lifelong advocate of what it stands for.

And now, Sir, let me tell you that I am commissioned by dozens of our Canadian boys still in Germany to thank you for your help while they were, and still are for that matter, dependent on food and clothing parcels from home to save them from hunger and cold. This help has taken six distinct forms :

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3. The Society collects money to buy food for prisoners.
4. The Society gives prisoners’ names to people and Societies in Britain.
5. The Society gives prisoners’ names to people and Societies in Canada.
6. The Society sends out clothing and underwear issued by the Government.

I myself have received parcels under all these plans except the first. The reason why I made no assignment to the Society was that I had previously assigned all I could afford to my mother for parcels from home. Through some mischance your Society did not get my name until the 5/12/15 parcels were sent off and, as I have never asked anyone for anything since I was made prisoner, I made other arrangements about food and winter clothing. I am glad to state, however, that outside my own case I personally know of only two cases among three hundred Canadians who were overlooked in your office, and both these cases were attended to by Jan. 15, 1916. Nearly every Canadian in Germany has to thank the Canadian Red Cross Society that he is not going hungry to-day, or at least that he is independent of that unspeakably filthy German soup.

I think the parcels you are now sending to Germany are packed with fine judgment. Many men would often be without meat or butter or health-preserving fruit if it were not for your kindness. I should like to see your good work shouted from the housetops in Canada, where, thank God, few, or none, know the gnawing pangs of

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Sincerely yours,

THE SECRETARY, CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

I am writing you this letter to inform you of my arrival in Switzerland and to thank the ladies of your Society for the manner in which you have looked after me during the fifteen months of my captivity in Germany. I suppose it is unnecessary for me to say that but for the parcels received from friends, the conditions of the unfortunate prisoners would be absolutely unbearable. Your Society has acted nobly to the Canadians, and I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude.

If there is any information I can give you, which would assist in your good work, I will be only too pleased to give it.

I was one of those fortunate enough to be exchanged into Switzerland last week. There are several Canadians belonging to different Battalions. I suppose you will probably be in possession of their names through the War Office. We are extremely comfortable, and the food is splendid. I do not think the men could wish for anything from England, except perhaps tobacco and cigarettes, and not even that if it should deprive our unfortunate comrades who still remain in Germany.

I hope you will write me, and, although this is simply a personal letter, I am sure the other Canadians join with me in sending sincere thanks for your continued labours on our behalf.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Dear Madam, your sincerely,

(Signed) _____

Sgt. 2 424.

3. PARCELS DEPARTMENT

We offer to Mrs. Fraser, in charge of this department, our deep sympathy in the loss of her son, Neville, of the R.F.A., and also to Miss Sutherland, who has lost her only brother.

In the last week in July this department was in touch with no less than 1,344 wounded Canadians. Requests for Comfort Bags pour in, but "great care should be taken that no articles made in Germany are put in these bags, as it gives great offence to the men. We have had to take soap out of one consignment, and replace it with English make."

4. NEWSPAPER DEPARTMENT

The work of this department is somewhat spasmodic apparently, owing to the irregularity of the mails. Sometimes no mail appears, then 78 or 80 bags at once. The ladies of this department distribute local Canadian newspapers to the men according to their place of residence, so that the men may as far as possible get news of their own homes.

5. DRIVES FOR WOUNDED MEN

The work of this department was for some time limited by the supply of petrol obtainable. In some weeks, as many as eighty or ninety Canadians, officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, were given drives, often with tea as an additional attraction.

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The work of this department formerly included that of also providing entertainment, but it has been now found necessary to form a separate department for this work.

We sent out from this department during the week ending August 19, 957 parcels and 265 welcome cards to the wounded in hospital in France and England. Miss Hendry and Mrs. Dixon gave a donation of lovely flowers which we sent to the officers at the 4th London General Hospital and to the men at Charing Cross Hospital. We also received two large packages of books and magazines from the War Library, Marble Arch. Books are always very acceptable as we receive so many requests for reading matter.

A very large consignment of newspapers has arrived within the last two days and we are so hard at work that we have no time to give a detailed report.

Owing to the unfortunate shortage of petrol, drives for the wounded have had to be seriously diminished but we trust that this is only temporary.

WORK IN FRANCE

Major Blaylock's reports of the work in France are always interesting. On August 12 he reports having visited every Canadian Army Medical Corps unit in France during the preceding fortnight—"this now means a great deal of travelling."

It has been decided to move No. 8 Canadian General from its present site to another where the hospital will be situated on a plateau above a river, with main drainage, gas, water and electricity laid on.

As supplies are slow in arriving from London, 500 cases were shipped to the Paris depot from our depot in Boulogne in order that the needs of the French Hospitals might be met immediately.

Major Blaylock reports visiting himself all the Canadian Casualty Clearing Stations at the front so as to ascertain their needs and give them immediate attention. They were then "all fairly busy and No. 3 had a number of very serious gas cases."

During the hot weather, there was a great demand for cooling drinks and fruit, "and we have been able to supply what was necessary" for the hospitals. The report concludes with a number of letters of appreciation, some of which will find their way into the Mail Bag.

We note letters from the O.C. of No. 2 Canadian Advance Depot (games, stationery, shirts, socks, tobacco.)

From Col. Wylde of No. 1 and from Col. Bickett of No. 3 Canadian General, thanking for billiard tables.

From the Matron (Miss Wilson) and O.C. (Colonel Davis) of No. 3 Canadian Stationary acknowledging supplies received and speaking of the prompt compliance with requests "which has been a source of comfort and support during the anxious days when the

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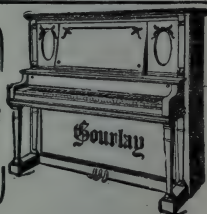
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drain on our supplies was excessive." "We might find ourselves in a quandary if we could not send out an S.O.S. call to Captain Blaylock."

From the Minister of War of the French Republic (Monsieur Godart) and the General Secretary of Secours aux Blessés Militaires. We call special attention to these two letters in the Mail Bag.

From Madam Carnot, President of the Association des Dames Française, acknowledging 1,105 cases "when our stocks are beginning to be exhausted."

MAIL BAG

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MINISTÈRE DE LA GUERRE.
SOUS SECRÉTAIRE D'ÉTAT,
du Service de Santé
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PARIS, le 19 juillet, 1916.

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MONSIEUR LE COMMISSAIRE GÉNÉRAL,—

Upon the occasion of the inauguration of the Entrepot des Dons I have reason to appreciate once more all the importance of the charitable work which the Distribution Committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society is doing for the sick and wounded of the French Army and I am reminded especially of this by the magnificence of their gifts in kind.

For this reason I am asking you—and in so doing I feel I am performing one of the most agreeable duties which fall to my lot—to accept for yourself and for all your collaborateurs and also for the Red Cross in Canada my very sincere thanks once again.

I beg you to remember, too, that at all times the services of my Department will be wholly at your disposal to give you every facility for the carrying-out and development of your generous enterprise.

I beg to remain, yours very faithfully,

The Hon. Philippe Roy.

JUSTIN GODART.

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SOCIÉTÉ DE SECOURS AUX BLESSÉS MILITAIRES
(CROIX ROUGE FRANÇAISE)

PARIS, June 26th, 1916.

CAPTAIN,—I beg to confirm the interview which our financial director, Count de Montalivet, et our Secretary, Count de Vogue had the pleasure of having with you during this afternoon.

I shall be much obliged if you will convey our sincerest thanks to the Canadian Red Cross for the splendid gift of which we are advised through you.

The 2,000 cases of clothing, dressings, etc., which you promise to deliver to us monthly will allow us to satisfy the needs of our hospitals which are ever present.

In this respect and in accordance with the wish you expressed to the Count de Vogue, I beg to enumerate below the articles particularly needed in our hospitals :

FIRSTLY—Sheets, pillow slips, towels, shirts (day), pants, pyjamas in fairly warm flannellette.

Regarding dressings, most of our doctors having a special kind of dressing which he uses ; it is pieces of gauze or large squares of gauze, and absorbent cotton.

I would dwell particularly on the pants of which we are totally depleted and for which everybody is asking.

I am only too pleased to repeat how deeply grateful the Société de Secours aux Blessés Militaires is to the Canadian Red Cross Society for their generous co-operation which causes us to appreciate the affinity of feeling which exists between Canada and France.

I remain, yours very sincerely,

LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL.

CAPTAIN BLAYLOCK,
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ASSOCIATION DES DAMES FRANÇAISES

CAPTAIN,—Both on behalf of the Administration Committee and personally, allow me to express our deepest gratitude for the invaluable support which the Canadian Red Cross is good enough to give us, which assistance is all the more useful to us as our stocks are, by reason of the length of this war, beginning to be exhausted. We have just received 1,105 cases for which we thank you most sincerely. We are very touched by your sympathy for France and ask you to accept our gratitude.

I ask you to be good enough to be our interpreter to those members of the Canadian Red Cross who interest themselves so kindly in our association, and remain,

Yours sincerely,

MARG. E. CARNOT,

President.

29th June, 1916.

Miss Kathleen Burke, of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, writes as follows :

August 9th, 1916.

DEAR MRS. PLUMPTRE,—I am glad to inform you that the "Canada" ward of the Scottish Women's Hospitals is now full of wounded. Everyone of the 90 beds was filled when I last received word from the Hospital. Last week Mr. Newton Rowell, of Toronto, visited it and I have asked him to report to you. It is hard for me to say that the splendid gift of the Canadian Red Cross has been well utilized, but I am sure every member of the Committee would be satisfied.

I will tell you all about it and of our needs when I return to Canada this Autumn.

Please present my respects to the Committee.

Yours very sincerely,

KATHLEEN BURKE.

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No. 2 Canadian Advance Depot, France, 9/8/16.

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, BOULOGNE.

We have received to-day two cribbage boards from your Society, and have already received shirts, socks, tobacco, cards, envelopes, etc., for which we are much obliged. The men here have greatly appreciated these articles.

Thank you for your promptness and kindness in this matter.

H. D. JOHNSON, Lt.-Col.

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No. 3 Canadian General Hospital, B.E.F., 3/8/16.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Canadian Red Cross Society, Boulogne.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of one $\frac{3}{4}$ -size billiard table for use in the Canadian Red Cross Hut, and herewith please find attached contents of case.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my sincerest appreciation and thanks of this very kind thought of the Canadian Red Cross Society in providing such a splendid billiard table for the use of the sick and wounded in the Canadian Red Cross Hut, which I can assure you will be a very excellent way of enabling these men to pass their spare time.

H. S. BIRKETT, Col.,

O.C. No. 3, Canadian General Hospital.

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3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital, B.E.F.,

July 27th, 1916.

TO CAPTAIN BLAYLOCK,

Red Cross Commissioner, Boulogne.

DEAR CAPTAIN BLAYLOCK,—May I take this opportunity of expressing the greatest admiration for the efficient service which the Red Cross Society through you has maintained for the 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital since its arrival in France.

The supplies denote careful selection in their completeness and have enabled us to give additional comforts, care and service to our sick and wounded.

The prompt compliance to our requests for assistance has been a source of comfort and support during the anxious days when the drain on our supplies was excessive.

With the Red Cross Headquarters to call upon, we are relieved of all anxiety of an emergency arising, in which we might find ourselves in a quandary if we could not send out an S.O.S. call for assistance to Captain Blaylock. To all of our requests you have responded with wonderful alacrity and have satisfied our wants bountifully.

Kindly accept heartiest thanks for services given us and much appreciation of graciousness shown, throughout our association.

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DEAR FRIENDS,—Was delighted to receive the parcel you so kindly sent me, and for which I must thank you. The people in this neighbourhood are very generous towards us whether British, Canadian or Australian, but when you receive a gift from your own countrymen it seems so different and more acceptable as you know you are not forgotten though so far away from the dear homeland.

I am pleased to be able to say that I am progressing very favourably and hope to be strong enough to take my place again among our brave boys who are making such a great name for themselves and Canada.

Again thanking you for your great kindness, I remain, yours very truly.

From 2nd Southern General Hospital.

BRISTOL.

Just a line to you all, to say that I received your parcel and I am very pleased with the things that were inside the bag, and I thank you one and all for the kindness to us, it must be a very lot of trouble to you all to get our names and addresses, and also send us all such useful things, to think of the Canadians who are out fighting, and to think of the awful lot who are wounded. I am sure it is very kind of you all, and I am sure that I shall never forget your kindness and I don't think the other boys will in a hurry either. It is the most wonderful thing that I can possibly think of is the Red Cross Society, and I am sure that the men who were wounded in this strife will never forget the kindness that they have done for them. I know that I shall not forget it. I must draw the note to an end now, only I must thank you again one and all for the comfort bag as they call it. From.

From 1st Eastern General Hospital.

CAMBRIDGE.

MADAM,—Thanks very much for parcel, it is very useful, particular when you are used to using them every day. Hoping it was no inconvenience to you to get them for me. With best wishes to all of you for the good work you are doing as no one knows what it is until they are in need of it.

I remain, yours sincerely.

From Moore Barracks Hospital.

SHORNCLIFFE, KENT, June 28th, 1916.

DEAR FRIENDS,—I suppose you folks are torment with us boys. But I am here in the hospital and likely to be for a while longer, by what the doctor says. We have a hard job to get anything here in bed, and I ask you to send me a soldiers' comfort bag, and I will be much obliged.

Thanking you in advance, I remain yours sincerely.

From Moore Barracks Hospital.

SHORNCLIFFE, KENT, July 14th, 1916.

DEAR MADAM,—I have heard about the kindnesses extended to the patients in Hospitals by the Canadian Red Cross Society. I have just been through a serious operation and am likely to be kept in hospital for some time to come, and seeing some of the boys with your Red Cross Comfort Bags, besides the many useful articles found in them, there was a quantity of cigarettes and tobacco. I wonder if your kindness will be great enough to send me one of the comfort bags. I'd be very grateful to you if you will oblige my little request.

Remaining as ever, your obedient sick patient.

From 1st London General Hospital.

CAMBERWELL, S. E., July 10th, 1916.

LADIES,—Words I cannot find to thank you for the presents you have sent me to-day and as long as I live I will always have a good word for the Canadian Red Cross. The fountain pen is dandy.

July 10th, 1916.

DEAR LADIES,—While at Leicester Road Hospital I had one of your lady visitors and afterwards received some cigarettes from you. I wish to thank you for same, together with your good wishes. My wife also wishes me to thank you for kind letters sent to her. Pleased to say I am getting along very nicely.

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DEAR LADIES,—I thank you most heartily for your kind wishes, and desire to assist me in any way. I am getting along very well I think, but at present I don't know of anything that I wish to be done for me, but if I find it necessary in the future I shall be only too pleased to take advantage of your most generous offer. Wishing the ladies the best of health and happiness, believe me to be, sincerely yours.

From Moore Barracks Hospital.

SHORNCLIFFE, KENT, July 1st, 1916.

DEAR LADIES,—I have received your parcel containing a pair of boots this morning. I want to use this opportunity of expressing my thanks. I am sure I could not say enough to make you know just how grateful I am to you for your kindness. My bed chums and our Dear Sister Lyall and myself all agree they are a very serviceable present. I am very justly proud of them. Thanking you again, I am, Dear Ladies, Yours Sincerely.

From Woodcote Park Farm.

EPSOM, July 4th, 1916.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Just a line to let you know I have received the parcel you were kind enough to send me and I certainly appreciate it, and I will pass the magazine around to the rest of the boys, and thanking you all again, and I think its the least I can do, to acknowledge receipt of the things you sent.

So goodbye and Good-Luck to the workers of the Red Cross Society.

I remain, yours sincerely.

WOUNDED ALLIES RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Sardinia House, Kingsway, W.C., June 21st, 1916.

*Captain Claude Bryan, Assistant Commissioner, Canadian Red Cross Society,
14-16 Cockspur Street, S.W.*

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of June 16th was placed before the Committee to-day. They desire me to say they very greatly appreciate your handsome and generous offer to help, and they are very grateful.

Since the receipt of your letter the 26 cases of sheets, pillow cases, and socks, have arrived. On behalf of the Committee I beg to express to the Canadian Red Cross Society our warmest thanks for this splendid gift.

The stores will be sent off on Saturday to the Hospital Militaire Anglais at Limoges, and the Hospital Saint-Rambert at Lyons, where they are urgently needed. With regard to the 10 cases of pyjamas and 10 cases of socks, if you would kindly send them here, we would send them out to Corfu by the next boat to our unit there which is tending the Serbian convalescent soldiers.

Nothing has yet been definitely decided as to sending hospital supplies to Salonica, but directly arrangements are made I will let you know, so that we may take advantage of your kind offer.

With very many thanks, yours very truly,

LINDSEY SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

TRANSLATION FROM THE FEDERATION NATIONALE D'ASSISTANCE

PARIS, July 11th, 1916.

COMITÉ DE PARIS

DEAR COLONEL,—I have just received a cheque for 42,486 francs which you have been good enough to send us, and which represents the amount of the magnificent donation made to our Society for the Crippled by the Canadian Red Cross.

In acknowledging receipt of this sum I wish to ask you, Mr. President, to be good enough to accept our thankfulness in the name of our crippled.

Thanks to you, we shall be able by an education in a new trade to bring back to normal life a great number of these brave soldiers who will be grateful to you.

We see in this one additional link between Canada and ourselves. It is just this thought which is precious to us.

The thanks which I am thus addressing you are those of the General Secretary, whilst our President MM. Mauris Barres and Louis Barthou certainly wish to join in the expressing of our gratitude.

Believe me to be, Colonel, your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. SOUCHON, *General Secretary.*

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TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM ODESSA-RUSSIA.

June 22nd, 1916.

DEAR COLONEL HODGETTS,—It is with the sentiment of the most profound gratitude I received to-day your letter of the 7th inst. I hastened to convey the contents thereof to the Grand Comite of the Russian Red Cross at Petrograd. I take the liberty to address you in the name of the Russian Red Cross and our best wishes for the magnificent and valiant armies, the brilliant successes on the Western Front which fill our hearts with joy and gratitude towards our dear allies and the Canadian Red Cross, which, with its generous gifts will permit us to improve the state of thousands of wounded.

Believe me, dear Colonel, to be yours very sincerely,

(Signed) A. TILIACHANGO,

*Special Delegate of the Russian Red Cross, South of the
Empire Region.*

PARIS, July 11th, 1916.

DEAR COLONEL,—Our General Secretary has just announced to me has received from you a cheque for 42,486 francs, a donation made by the Canadian Red Cross to our Federation National d'Assistance for the mutilated by the war.

The President of the Federation, M. Maurice Barres, is away from Paris at present. He could not, therefore, thank you as soon as he would have desired, but I could tell you at once both in his name and mine, that our gratitude is immense for such fine liberality as yours.

It is a new proof of the interest taken by Canada in the efforts of the French, as the French are grateful to Canada for its participation in the world war for liberation. Our crippled soldiers will owe you a special gratitude as they will be able, thanks to your assistance, to learn a trade, returning thus to a state as normal as their crippled condition allows. Will you please be good enough to convey our sentiments to the subscribers who took an interest in our soldiers.

I beg, M. le Colonel, to remain, with my best thanks, yours very sincerely,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMITE DE PARIS.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION NATIONALE.

With the personal expression of my profound gratitude,

(Signed) LOUIS BARTHOU.

2. THANKS FROM OUR CANADIAN HOSPITALS

D.D.M.S. CANADIAN ARMY CORPS, 29/6/16.

ASST. COMMISSIONER, CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, BOULOGNE.

DEAR BLAYLOCK,—Thank you for the promptness with which you brought the 3,616 doses of Anti-tetanic serum, in answer to my wire of last evening.

I notice that 916 doses of this serum is from the University of Toronto, the balance you purchased from London. I understand the Toronto University is preparing a quantity of this serum for free issue to the Canadian Troops, and as it suits our requirements much better than the English issue, I hope you will take it up with your London Office, and try to secure a quantity from Toronto University as quickly as possible. I would like to draw this from your office as there is no Canadian Serum procurable from the British Advance Depots of Medical stores.

(Signed) G. L. FOSTER,

Colonel, D.D.M.S. Canadian Corps.

NO. 2 CANADIAN STAT'Y HOSP., B.E.F.,

July 4th, 1916.

DEAR CAPTAIN BLAYLOCK,—Once more it becomes my duty to express to you thanks and appreciation for the services rendered by you on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross Society. I refer to the transforming of the Canadian Recreation Hut into a Hospital ward of 74 beds.

When this crisis expansion became necessary and the matter was talked over with you yesterday afternoon about 5.30, it did not seem possible to have it ready in the evening. However, at 8.30 your supplies began to arrive and at 10.30 p.m. the whole ward was equipped and ready for the reception of 74 patients. This, of course, was made possible by your supplying the beds, bedding and equipment so quickly.

Please accept my sincerest thanks.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. A. CLARKE, Lt.-Col.,

Commanding No. 2 Canadian Stationary Hosp.

NO. 3 CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL,

July 7, 1916.

To Captain Blaylock.

Enclosed please find list of our wants. I sincerely trust we are not drawing too heavily but at this particular time it is difficult to keep ahead of the game.

Without the Red Cross it would be quite impossible.

Sincerely,

E. M. WILSON, Matron.

NO. 7 CANADIAN STATIONARY HOSPITAL,

July 4th, 1916.

COMMISSIONER, CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, BOULOGNE.

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DEAR CAPTAIN BLAYLOCK,—I beg to acknowledge with very many thanks 6 suits of underwear and 6 khaki shirts for officers received on the 6th.

We much appreciate the donation from the Canadian Red Cross Society of the white enamel table for dressings.

Yours faithfully,

GERTRUDE TATE, *Hon. Secretary.*

NO. 7 CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, B.E.F., FRANCE,

July 4th, 1916.

DEAR CAPTAIN BLAYLOCK,—I beg to thank you sincerely for your kind and prompt action in the matter of ether. The 20 lbs. will tide us over nicely.

Yours sincerely,

F. ETHERINGTON, *Lt.-Col.,**O.C. No. 7 Canadian General Hospital.*

NO. 1 CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL,

July 8, 1916.

DEAR CAPTAIN BLAYLOCK,—I wish to thank you for the splendid assistance that you have rendered me and this hospital during the unprecedented rush of the past week, whereby we have been able to meet a situation that would otherwise have been difficult to handle.

By sending the extra supplies that the circumstances called for we have been able to cope with all demands, successfully and conveniently.

The Red-Cross Hut has been converted into a temporary ward of 100 beds and the platform is being utilized as a dressing station. I feel sure that this step will meet with your approval, as having this extra accommodation for the sick and wounded has been of greater service than I can possibly explain.

With renewed thanks for your timely and welcome co-operation.

I am, yours faithfully,

C. F. WYLDE, *Lt.-Col.,**O.C. No. 1 Canadian General Hospital.*

HOSPITAL JEANNE D'ARC, DOLE, FRANCE,

July 8th, 1916.

COLONEL,—Je viens de recevoir vos admirables colis. Je n'ai jamais vu des merveilles pareilles et en aussi grande quantité. Je ne sais comment vous remercier et vous dire ma reconnaissance—nous avons tellement besoin d'aide dans cet hôpital.

Je vous envoie des photos avec remerciements de quelques blessés et la photo de l'hôpital.

Merci encore Colonel, et croyez je vous prie à tous mes sentiments les plus distingués.

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DEAR CAPTAIN BLAYLOCK,—Your very prompt action in connection with our recent request is greatly appreciated by us all.

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. DAVEY, *Lt.-Col.,**O.C. 2nd Canadian C. C. S.*

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MOORE BARRACKS CANADIAN HOSPITAL,

SHORNCIFFE, KENT, July 27th, 1916.

From O. C. Hospital.

To Col. Hodgetts, Canadian Red Cross Commissioner, 14-16 Cockspur St., London.

DEAR SIR,—

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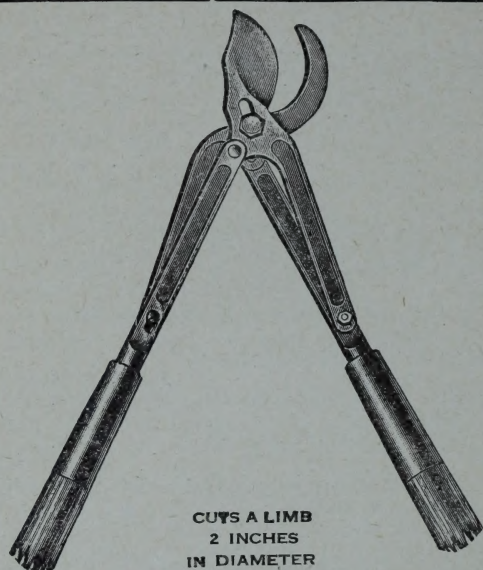
I thank you very much for all your kindness in this regard.

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HAMMERSMITH, June 28th, 1916.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Your exceedingly appropriate little gift (safety razor) reached me quite safely and I assure you I appreciate your kindness very much and wish to thank you for same.

I am, Your very grateful friend.

From 2nd Western General Hospital.

DUCIE AVENUE, MANCHESTER.

I was very pleased to receive your parcel which contained everything I needed, so take this opportunity of thanking you for your kindness ; the boys think a lot of any present they get from home, and the cigarettes were most welcome. I am very grateful for your gift and shall always remember it. In conclusion believe me, yours very sincerely.

From Barracks Hospital.

MILLBANK, WESTMINSTER, S. W.,

July 14th, 1916.

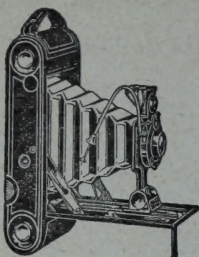
DEAR SIR OR MADAM,—I must thank you very much for the parcel which I received from your Society the contents of which came in very useful as they were just the things I required. After being on my back for three weeks it felt very refreshing to be able to clean one's teeth which I could not have done if I had not received your parcel. I also sent a note of thanks to the lady in Montreal whose card was in the parcel.

From Bear Wood Hospital.

WOKINGHAM, July 6th, 1916.

TO THE FRIENDS OF OUR BOYS,—I was very pleased to received my Fountain Pen to-day, for which I beg of you to receive my thanks. It gives me great pleasure to write that all of our boys say that they do not know what they would do if it were not for the Red Cross People.

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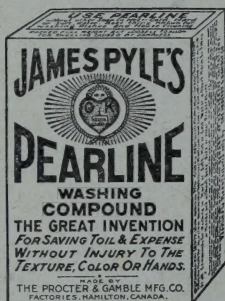
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